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SUBJECT: CONTRACT PERSONNEL AT KO KHA

1. ATTORNEY REPRESENTING GENERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION, WHICH HAS A CONTRACT ISSUED BY THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, CALLED DEPARTMENT RE DIFFICULTIES G.E. EMPLOYEES AT KO KHA ARE NOW FACING WITH THAI IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. ACCORDING TO ATTORNEY, PASSPORTS OF G.E. EMPLOYEES WERE COLLECTED AT TIME OF THEIR ARRIVAL IN THAILAND AND THEY WERE TOLD PASSPORTS WOULD BE STAMPED WITH RESIDENCE PERMITS IN DUE COURSE. APPARENTLY, RESIDENCE PERMITS WERE NEVER ISSUED BY THAI AUTHORITIES. ONE EMPLOYEE WAS RECENTLY FINED APPROXIMATELY \$40 FOR VIOLATION OF THAI IMMIGRATION REGULATIONS WHEN HE ATTEMPTED TO DEPART FOR THE U.S. THERE ARE TWO MORE G.E. EMPLOYEES NOW AT KO KHA WHO WISH TO LEAVE THAILAND, BUT ALLEGEDLY ARE AFRAID TO ATTEMPT TO DO SO SINCE THEY HAVE BEEN TOLD THAI AUTHORITIES WILL HOLD THEM IN JAIL UNTIL SUCH A TIME AS THEY CAN BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL.

2. WE HAVE NO INFORMATION OTHER THAN ATTORNEY'S REPORT ON DIFFICULTIES G.E. EMPLOYEES AT KO KHA MAY BE EXPERIENCING.

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WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE YOUR CHECKING INTO THE MATTER.

G.E. ATTORNEY HERE INDICATES COL. AMOS AT MACTHAI IS
FAMILIAR WITH THE PROBLEM. KISSINGER

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